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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 103 NEW JOBS FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Weil-McLain, recognized as America's number one manufacturer of cast iron boilers, will locate its assembly and logistics operations to a facility in Eden, creating 103 new jobs and \$6.9 million in investment for North Carolina.

"Weil-McLain's decision to locate its assembly and logistics operation in North Carolina is proof that our investments in education, workforce preparedness and infrastructure are paying off," said Easley. "These investments coupled with our One North Carolina Fund are bringing 103 good jobs to 103 hardworking families in Rockingham County."

Weil-McLain will receive \$350,000 from the One North Carolina Fund, as well as support from the North Carolina Community College System, the City of Eden, Rockingham County and Duke Power. Through the use of the One NC Fund, about 12,000 jobs and \$1 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Weil-McLain, a unit of SPX Corporation, plans to be operational by the first quarter of 2005. The 103 new jobs will include assemblers, material handlers and production schedulers of industrial boilers, as well as support for finance and human resource positions. Workers will receive an average hourly salary of \$12 to \$14.

"Weil-McLain's customers have come to expect us to lead the hydronic heating industry," said Steve Zeller, president of Weil-McLain. "Our new Eden assembly plant, utilizing state-of-the-art demand flow manufacturing techniques, will be yet another milestone in Weil-McLain's 123-year history."

"Weil-McLain has recognized the priceless opportunities here in Rockingham County," said Rep. Nelson Cole of Rockingham County. "From our hardworking and talented workforce to our ideal location and our vast natural resources, I look forward to the success that this company and the people of Rockingham County will reap."

Weil-McLain's headquarters are in Michigan City, Ind. and the company employs more than 600 people worldwide. For more information about Weil-McLain and/or to apply for a job visit www.weil-mclain.com.

SPX Corporation, which is headquartered in Charlotte and employs more than 1,480 North Carolinians, is a global provider of technical products and systems, industrial products and services, flow technology, cooling technology and services, and service solutions. For more information visit www.spx.com.

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